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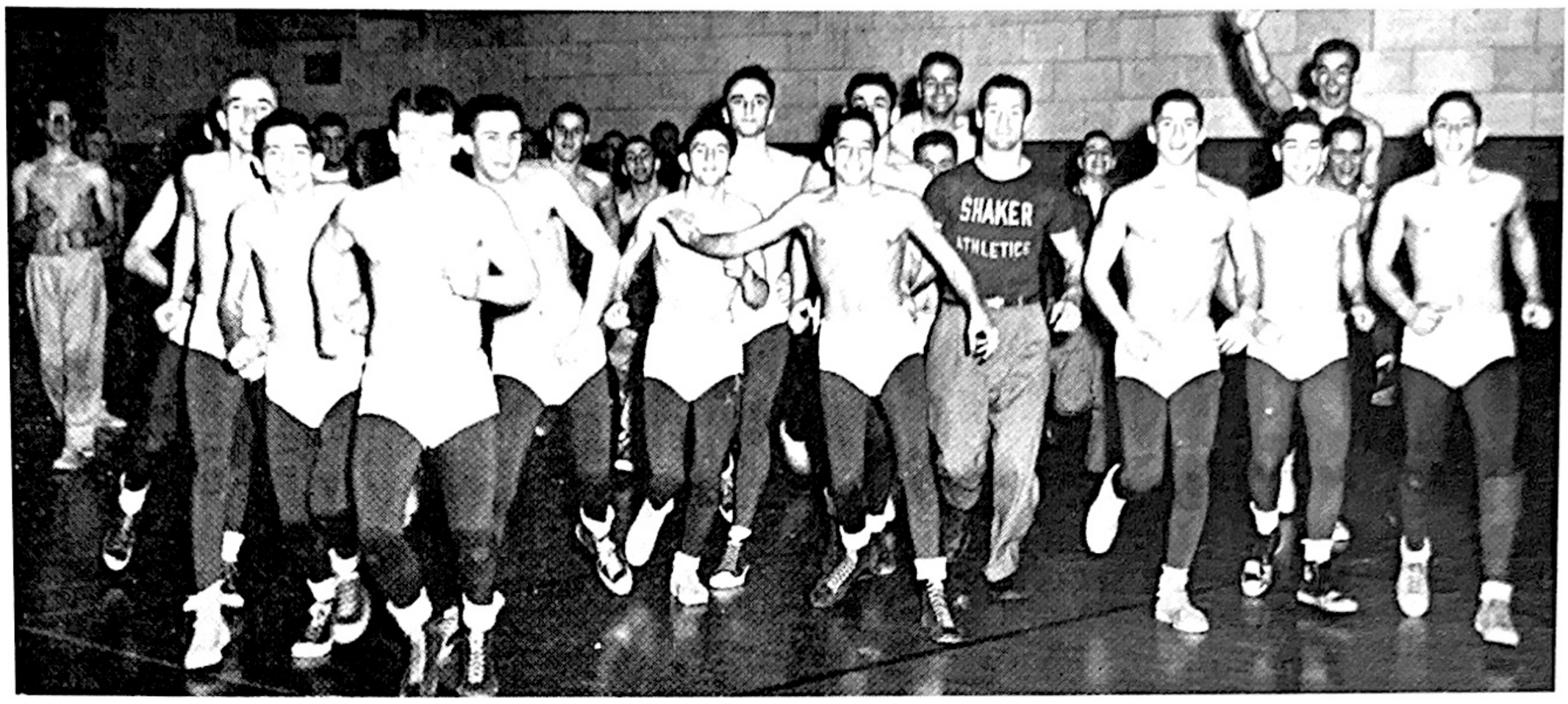


Eight Grapplers Qualify for State Tourney

Eight grapplers will endeavor to keep the state wrestling title a Shaker honor, when they travel to Lakewood for the 1955 Ohio wrestling championships today and tomorrow. In the east side Regional Tourney at John Adams, the eight men qualified for the State Meet by taking one of the top four places in their respective weights.

Coach Zip Zednik's defending state champions took third place out of a field of nine teams at the Adams meet. Bedford placed first with 76 points, Euclid had 73, and Shaker accumulated 54.

At a comparable tournament of west side schools at John Marshall, Maple Heights drew top honors with 78 points, followed by West Tech, Garfield Heights, and John Marshall.

Jerry Weiss, the 112-pound contender, and George Brown, wrestling at 139 pounds, were Shaker's first-place winners. Euclid and Bedford took three firsts apiece, while Collinwood, Benedictine, and Adams each had one.

Previously unbeaten Dick Morris, the Raider heavyweight grappler, lost a decision in the final match, while Elroy Kursh at 176 was decisioned in the finals by his Bedford opponent.

Taking third-place honors for Shaker were Tom Baldwin at 103 pounds, Dennis Donahue at 120, and Dick Guttman at 146. Jack Freund at 166 pounds won fourth place in his weight class.

The top four matmen in each weight division at Adams, Marshall, and the other regional tournaments at Kent State and Findlay will participate in the state meet at Lakewood. Last year the state champion Raiders brought home an individual winner in Don Brown, as well as three second places taken by Norty Eisenberg, Henry Danaceau, and Nick Leone.

Shaker was represented by nine entries in the 1954 state meet. At that time the 176-pound weight class was nonexistent. Both Euclid and Bedford qualified two more men for the 1955 state meet than did Shaker.

However, disregarding statistics and the fact that a few other teams will be represented in greater number than will the Raiders, Coach Zednik is counting on his team to capture a high position in the state. "This should be Shaker's best meet of the season," says Zednik.

Climate Changes

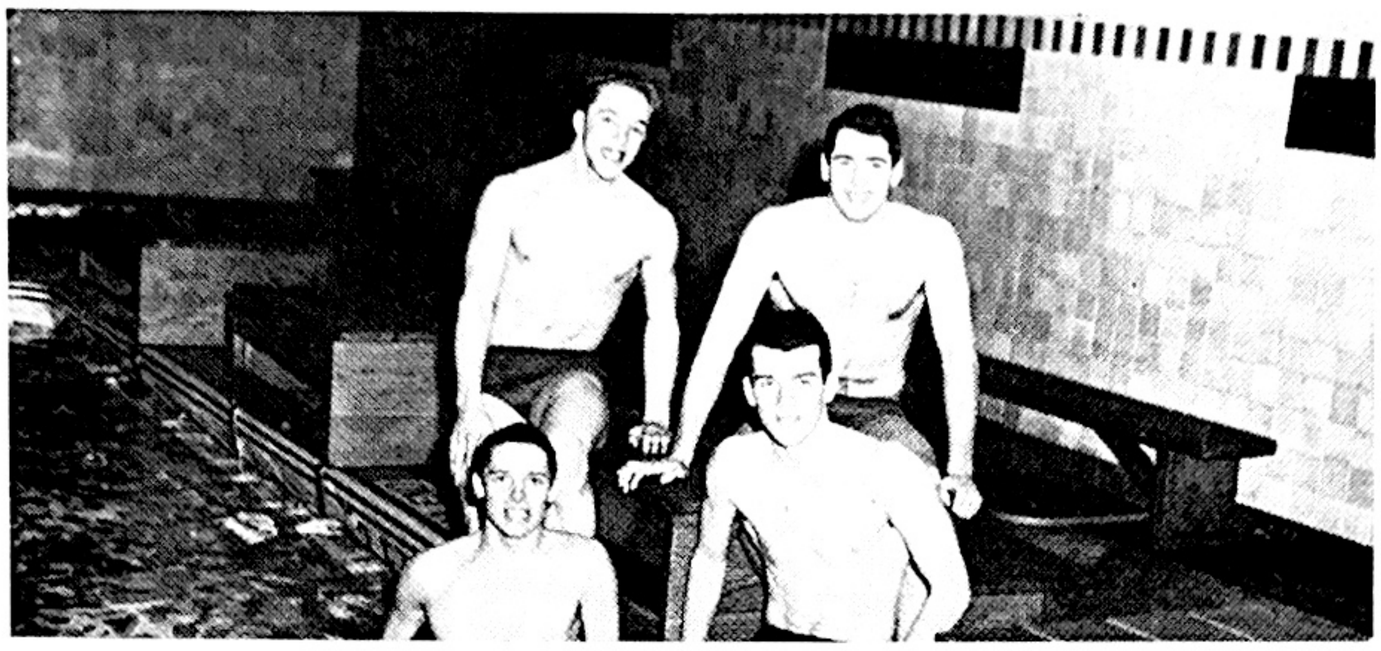
On behalf of the members of the wrestling, basketball, and swimming teams, the Shakerite says, "THANKS!" The regional wrestling tournament, the basketball games, and the L.E.L. swimming meet all drew good crowds. We recognized among the crowds a lot of faces familiar to sporting fans. They didn't need the prodding of our last editorial to encourage their attendance at sporting events. These people have learned how exciting it can be to be a spectator at a sporting event. They've also got that intangible something known as school spirit.

Among these regular fans we saw a lot of new faces. That's what really made us glow, because we know that you'll be back—you've learned you can have a better time watching Shaker athletes than Hollywood stars. We just wanted you to know, you regular fans — that you're appreciated; and you new fans—that the athletic teams thank you and hope you'll be back. We know you will.

This week is even more exciting than last in the sporting world. Tonight, tomorrow afternoon, and tomorrow night, eight of Shaker's matmen will take part in the State Wrestling Tournament at Lakewood. Don't miss the finals on Saturday night. They're sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. The finals of the swimming district meet will take place on Saturday afternoon at Euclid. And tonight Shaker will meet Shaw in our gym. This is the last regular game of the season, so let's all go.

We hope a lot of people learned how much fun being a Shaker spectator is, and we hope we'll see you all again this weekend—in the gyms,

Swimmers Retain L.E.L. Crown; Hopes High for District Meet



The swimming team's Grade A beefcake—l. to r. top row, Speed Olderman, Chuck Armington; bottom row, Dick Wilson, Dave Broderick.

Today the Shaker tankers move a step closer to Columbus as they participate in the preliminaries for the deciding district meet at Euclid. Having retained their L. E. L. title, the Raiders are expected to make a powerful showing in the district.

Shaker trounced their four L. E. L. rivals to recapture the crown in Briggs Pool at Lakewood. Shaker never lost command throughout the meet, and although Lakewood provided an early threat they were quickly subdued by the Red Raider machine and had to settle for a 24-point deficit as Shaker totaled 89 points. Euclid finished third with 49 points while Shaw and Cleveland Heights collected 15 and 14 points respectively.

Host Lakewood provided the outstanding individual performances through the efforts of Chuck Corns and Frank Vokoun. Corns established a new L. E. L. mark for the 100-yard breast stroke, and Vokoun clipped the L. E. L. backstroke record formerly held by Shaker's Dave Broderick.

Captain Chuck Armington set the pace for Shaker by capturing the 50-yard freestyle, the first event of the afternoon. The Raiders finished one, two, and three in the 200-yard freestyle with Speed Olderman, Mike Wipper, and Harry Hattenbach collecting the honors. Dick Wilson also added to the Shaker total with his victory in the 100-yard freestyle. Sophomore Mark Perry splashed to a victory in the 150-yard individual medley.

Other Shakerites who placed well in the individual events were Ab Glickman, fourth in the 100-yard breast stroke; Jim Adler, second in the 50-yard freestyle; Dave Broderick, second in both the 100-yard backstroke and the 150-yard individual medley; Tom Ham, fourth in the 100-yard freestyle; and Bob Stevens and Chick Tate, fourth and fifth in the diving. The medley relay team of Dave Richardson, Glickman, and Wilson placed second.

Lakewood unleashed another record time as the team of Vokoun, Corns, and Gary Wolff swam the 150-yard medley relay in 1:22.4. Shaker climaxed their championship by winning the last event, the 200-yard freestyle relay, with the team of Art Brooks, Olderman, Hattenbach, and Armington.

Parma Dumps Cagers With Closing Rally; Seidman Scores 24

In a closely-fought contest that was undecided until the final minutes of play, Shaker's scrappy cagers were nipped by Parma's Redmen, 57-53, at Shaker last Friday.

Although they out-fought and outrebounded their taller opponents, the Raiders were unable to stop the potent Parma scoring attack led by Ernie Lees, who netted 26 points. Not to be outshined in the scoring column, Shaker's Earl Seidman dropped in 24 points.

Getting off to a fast start in the first half, the underdog Red Raiders stayed on top most of the first two quarters of play, leading 14-9 at the first stanza. A split second before the half-time buzzer went off, they lost the lead and at the half trailed by two points, 25-23.

The action of the second half was fast and furious down to the final buzzer, with neither team holding a lead very long. In the frenzied final minutes, Shaker fought desperately to overcome a three point Parma lead. Pulling to within one point of tying the score, the Raiders missed their opportunity in the final minute of the game.

Following Seidman in the Shaker scoring column were Corky Maniaci with 12 points and Charlie Kahn with 10. Seidman scored 10 points in the first half, six of them on free throws, and kept up his hot pace by netting 14 in the last half.

Shaker's JayVees rolled to an impressive 57-39 victory over the Parma squad. Billy German led the scoring attack for the team, sinking 21 points.

On Friday, February 11, against the Heights Tigers, the Red Raiders won a 59-54 victory. Netting 13 points, Seidman paced the Shaker cagers to their second victory over Heights this season.

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